

# The Summer Sentinel

## WE HAD A (INTER)STELLAR WEEK

*Our out of this world week started with a field trip to Wamesit and ended with a trip to Boda Borg and Swimming!*

4TH THRU 9TH  
GRADE PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS  
SUMMER  
PROGRAM

Greetings all,

As I look at the end of the fourth week and the beginning of week five, we are really finding our pace and making great strides here at the summer program. I am proud of all of my staff and the programming we have created so far. The staff plays an integral part, both big and small, in the lives of the children we work to each day. They make the difference in the lives of these children. With 15 days to go, anything can happen and we are so excited for the final weeks of the summer.



## SPACE WEEK DETAILS:

### Daily Schedule:

Morning Drop Off

-First Activity\*

Morning Snack

-Second Activity\*

Lunch Time (outside)

-Third Activity\*

-Fourth Activity\*

Afternoon Snack

-Choice Activities\*

Afternoon Pick Up until 5:30

*\*Activities range from field time, gym time, tent time, art, library/computer lab, and arcade time.*

### Field Trips:

Wamesit Lanes: *Grades 4-9*

Boda Borg: *Grades 7-9*

I wanted to give special shout outs to a few people:

- L.I.T.'s thank you for always putting your best foot forward!
- Thank you to the staff that are continuing to work hard on introducing new gym and field games to the kids. **Bravo!** Thank you all for that.
- Thank you, Lindsay, for a great newsletter.
- Thank you, Haley, for a creative rainy day activity last week.



*Thank you parents for your continued support!*

Namaste,

Tom Morrill

# FAVORITE FIELD TRIPS.... SO FAR

The summer is over halfway finished and we've already been on some pretty great field trips. The kids told us why each place is their favorite so far.

**1. BODA BORG:** "It was awesome because it was challenging and you got to work with friends. You could think and be athletic at the same time, both physical and mental tests!"



**2. WAMESIT LANES:** "It's fun to bowl. But the best part is winning prizes with tickets and getting free ice cream."

**3. FENWAY PARK:** "I love sports in general, so it was fun. It's fun to see that they still have parts of the park from 1912 when it was first built."

**4. CANOBIE LAKE:** "It's so cool to go on all the rides that you want. And staff will take you on any ride you want so you don't miss out. Plus hanging out with all your friends in a group is never a bad thing."

**5. JAY GEE'S:** "The go-karts are really fun. It's exciting to go really fast and pretend like you're driving a real car."

"IT'S FUN TO PRETEND LIKE YOU'RE DRIVING A REAL CAR"

shop AND see the New England Revolution practice."

**6. PATRIOT PLACE:** "It was lit because we got to see the football players practice. And we got shop at the pro

**7. LOWELL SPINNERS GAME:** "I like watching baseball and to actually be there was awesome. I like cheering them on, and watching the big screen with the funny commercials on it. Just a blast!"



# HANGING AT THE REC WITH MR. P

BY LINDSAY APPLEBY

I sat down with Jaryd Palmer this week to talk about how he runs the Rec Program with the seventh, eighth grade, and ninth graders. I go down and work with the kids once a week to do Art, but I wanted to get a feel for how it is down there on an every day basis.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS?

*I love to run the morning meetings with the kids. Mr. Fab and I put on almost a comedy act for the kids during that time. I also love playing the board game "Code Names" with the kids.*

## WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF BEING AT THE REC?

*Air conditioning! Just kidding, while it's a plus, I love being with the older kids who are a little more independent. They have more freedom here and it's more fun to interact with them on a more grown up level.*

## WHAT DO YOU DO ALL DAY?

*Videogames, pool, ping pong tournaments, two outdoor activities, go to the park, eat, fuse beads, art once a week, and THE MOST FUN PART: KARAOKE (at Club Rec!)*



## Tyler Paulding

Summer's Worked: 0

Hometown: *Tewksbury*

Favorite Field Trip: *Canobie Lake Park!*

Spirit Animal: *Goldfish*

Dream Vacation: *England, because of all the history there*

Favorite Summer Memory: *Getting Water dumped on me as an LIT*



**STAFF  
SPOTLIGHT**

# A BIT ABOUT BODA BORG

BY SARA KRUSPER AND STEVE DEFRANCESCO

This week's field trip was one of the best yet. Our bus headed south on I-93 to Malden, MA to visit the always exciting Boda Borg. Boda Borg is a fun-filled building full of creatively themed escape rooms. Each room requires different tasks, testing groups of 3 to 5 people both physically and mentally. These groups need to work together in order to complete the mission that allows groups to successfully exit the room. The most challenging aspect, however, is that no directions are given to guide the groups in each room. This fun, yet difficult, experience is one that the Rec Center kids

truly enjoy. After 2 hours of "questing" in all of the different rooms, the staff and students rejoin together upstairs to enjoy an all-you-can-eat buffet style taco bar.

As staff members, our favorite part of the field trip, besides the tacos, was watching the students have to work together to complete each task. If a group acted as a bunch of individuals instead of a team, it would've be impossible for any tasks to be complete. Although it is a very fun place, Boda Borg also teaches basic life values that participants can carry with them for the rest of the summer and beyond.



## L.I.T. SPOTLIGHT

*Leaders in Training (LITs) are incoming Freshmen who spend their summer with us learning to be a counselor and have fun working with kids. Many attended the program when they were younger*

**Kira Hodges**

Summer's Attended: *One*

Hometown: *Tewksbury*

Favorite Camp Memory: *Learning to play poker*

Favorite Sport: *Dance/Football*

Favorite Mac's Ice Cream: *Death by Chocolate*

Pets: *One Cat: Bambi, One Dog: Vito, & One Bunny: Bugsy*



We love hearing from you about The Summer Sentinel. Please let Lindsay know (lappleby@tewksbury.k12.ma.us) if you have any comments or suggestions about how we're doing.

## A REMINDER FOR OUR TECHNOLOGY POLICY

### PLEASE REMIND YOUR CAMPERS OF THE FOLLOWING...

The Summer Program is a great time to “unplug.” As most of you would agree, it is good for our children to have time without access to technology. While students will have small amounts of time each day to use their own devices and computers in the library, the majority of the day we will ask that their devices are put away. We are so busy both inside and outside that it is just easier to unplug while here.

### WEEK 6

Theme: Monsters  
AMC Methuen 4-9  
Surfing Lesson 7-9

### WEEK 7

Theme: Carnival  
Altitude 4-9  
Roller Kingdom 4-6  
End of Year Carnival



### TOM MORRILL

Site Director of the Wynn  
(Grades 4-6)



### JARYD PALMER

Site Director of the Rec Center  
(Grades 7-8)



### JONDIPRIMA

Leaders in Training (LIT) Director



### LINDSAY APPLEBY

Writer and Editor of the Summer Sentinel



## CONGRATS L.I.T.S

This week, LITs Cat Burke and Renee Graczyk earned the MVP title for being go-getters and always being on their A game every day.



**THIS WEEK  
WAS OUT OF  
THIS WORLD!**

